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"One day, I will be just as famous as my favorite singer, Jay Chou!" That was my dream when I was just a child. However, as I grew older, this dream seemed more and more like a fantasy and finally, faded into oblivion. How many times has this happened? Then again, so many well-known singers had started out by dreaming. They were brave enough to realize their dreams. Thus I believe that dreams must come with courage, only then can those dreams become reality.

I had the dream of becoming a prefect in primary school, in order to pick up useful skills like planning and time management, but the thought of even taking up a leadership position made me nauseous. Then, I had an inane fear of public speaking, the feeling of a thousand eyes pressing me down. Even though I wanted so much to learn and gain experience as a prefect, I was just not brave enough to take the first step and apply for the position.

Looking back, I feel that I had lost a great opportunity then. At the end of the day, I was quietly watching from the shadows while my friends rose into their given positions. However, it was through this experience that allowed me to realize what was wrong with me. I had the dreams, I just did not have the courage to go out there and take up the challenge presented to me. Thus, I decided to live out my dream of being a "somebody" by being more proactive at all times.

But what if I had not? Then I'd probably still be a quiet girl at the back of the classroom, cringing at the thought of speaking to the class, having elaborate dreams, but never having the chance or the will to bring it to life.

Everybody has dreams, but often find that their dreams are unreachable and just leave them at that. These dreams, if left not pursued, will be eventually abandoned, stowed away with other regrets, never to be brought to reality.

Why let your dreams slip away when you have the power to fulfill them? You only have to reach out, embrace your dreams and at the same time, take hold of your future. That one same dream which you knew would change your life forever but thought it would not work out could actually be achieved. Is it not everyone's desire to attain their dreams? All you need is enough courage to take hold of your dreams and make them your destiny.

Dreams will always be there for you, but they will only be fully realized when you

muster up enough courage to live out that dream. Lyrics from the song "Already Gone" states: "So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains, and we never even know we have the key." Unlock your chains around your life now and live out your dreams with courage!

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